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MEMORANDUM FOR: Roger B. Porter
Executive Secretary
Economic Policy Council
The White House

FROM: David B. Low
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SUBJECT: Studies Requested by your Memorandum of
5 June 1985

1. In response to your Memorandum I attach two of the three requested studies. The third assessment, which examines the more sensitive issues in US-EC trade relations, is underway and will be available soon.

2. The first paper is an update of a research paper by the Office of European Analysis on the potential for freer trade [redacted]
[redacted] I enclose three copies of both the research paper and the update for your use. Because of the many obstacles [redacted] proceeding toward freer trade with the US, we do not even assess the prospects for a free trade zone as such. Rather, the research paper examines the evolution of the current trade proposals and the sectors under consideration (see Appendix B). The update memorandum assesses the immediate goals and tactics which we expect to be involved. You will understand that we are not in a position to assess the potential impact of such trade on the US economy.

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3. The second assessment by the Office of Global Issues examines the evolution of positions of the developing countries on a new GATT round and the reaction to US strategy in this regard, post Bonn. I have limited this assessment to the Third World for two reasons:

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A. This was the thrust of our discussion in your office, and

B. European reaction should be considered in the context of overall US-EC trade negotiations, which is the subject of the third paper.

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